

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the ABSTRACT as follows:

ABSTRACT

Several embodiments of the present invention comprise a storage platform that provides a synchronization service that (i) allows multiple instances of the storage platform (each with its own data store) to synchronize parts of their content according to a flexible set of rules, and (ii) provides an infrastructure for third parties to synchronize the data store of the storage platform of the present invention with ~~with~~ other data sources that implement proprietary protocols. However, it is possible that a conflict might arise in a number of synchronization scenarios. For example, A1 and B2 may have been changes made to the same change unit, or A1 might be a deletion to the same change unit that B2 was modifying. While some of these conflicts can be resolved using the conflict resolution options discussed ~~earlier~~ earlier herein, certain conflicts provide particularly difficult challenges, and these challenges and their solutions are discussed herein.